(c) Our concerns about Pakistan's unprovoked firing along the Line of Control were conveyed to Pakistan during Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held in Islamabad from 19th to 23rd June, 1997 as well as by Director General Military operations in his periodic telephonic contacts with his Pakistani counterpart.

(d) and (e) The entire border in Punjab except certain gaps which could not be taken up due to being riverine/low lying was fenced. In Rajasthan, out of total border of 1035 Kms., fencing/flood lighting has been completed in 720 Kms./739 Kms. Further fencing in 312.60 Kms. has also been sanctioned which will be completed by 31st December, 1999 in three phases. The balance border with shifting sand dunes will be also fenced with a special type of fencing. Due to seasonal inundation in Gujarat, no fencing in Rann area is possible. However, the feasibility studies for ditch-cum-bund and erecting modified type of border fencing suitable for such terrain have been carried out by CPWD and BSf. No fencing on Line of Control is feasible. However, the question of restarting the work of fencing/flood lighting 180 Kms./195.8 Kms. of International Border in Jammu sector is under active consideration of the Government.

Misuse of Funds Meant for Poverty Alleviation Programme in Orissa

88. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that funds meant for poverty alleviation programme has been misused leading to starvation death in Bolangir, Kalahandi and Koraput districts of Orissa; and

(b) the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRA NAIDU): (a) The Government of Orissa have intimated that all allegations of starvation deaths were enquired into and it was found that those deaths were due to reasons other than starvation.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Indira Awas Yojana in Orissa

89. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Awas Yojana has been implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the Yojana in respect of Orissa, District-wise particularly of Tribal Districts;

(d) whether any complaints of corruption and misutilisation of funds have been received by the Government from Orissa;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government on such complaints?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRAN NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details are given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) District wise details of Central Allocations under Indira Awaas Yojana during 1997-98 is given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.